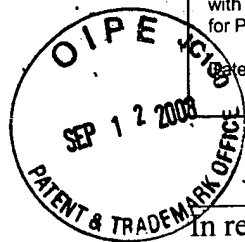


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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Response in reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on September 5, 2003. The section submitted herewith to supplement the previously un-entered Amendment filed on June 12, 2003 is the **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**, which now include *all* pending claims, including previously withdrawn claims 18 – 53. Applicant respectfully submits that the June 12, 2003 Amendment should now be entered.

Applicant submits that no additional fees or time extensions are due at this time, since the RCE was filed on August 11, 2003 with a two month time extension. However, in the event that an additional month time extension is due, Applicant hereby requests such an extension and directs that Deposit Account No. 141449 under order no. 22956-67 be charged in the amount of the difference between the \$410.00 two-month time extension already requested and the \$930.00 three-month time extension.

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